

**Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of:

Creation of a Low
Power Radio Service

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MM Docket No. 99-25

**SECOND ORDER ON RECONSIDERATION AND
FURTHER NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING**

COMMENT of

Colquitt Community Radio, Inc.

The following are the comments of Colquitt Community Radio, Inc., (CCR) a Georgia Not For Profit Corporation. These comments will address issue related to LPFM ownership and application rules. Also, a brief personal comment will be added.

1 – Should LPFM license be transferable?

CCR believes that LPFM license or construction permits should be transferable only when special circumstances arise. There are times when the applicant cannot construct the station because of limited funds or other reasons. However, these applicants should not be allowed to profit beyond the actual expense of their application.

2 – Should ownership be limited to local entities?

Since the LPFM service is designed to be community radio, why would the Commission even consider allowing anyone outside the community of own the facility. The restriction of local ownership should remain in place.

3 – Should the Commission prohibit multiple ownership of LPFM stations?

We believe that the commission should not allow multiple ownership of LPFM facilities. This is community radio for the owner's specific community. We feel that multiple stations would be used as repeaters instead of community stations.

4 – Should the construction period be extended?

Only in certain documented cases such as zoning issues. We applauded the Commissions decision to permit minor change distance to be extended to 5.6 kilometers. This should allow any permit holder that is experiencing zoning issues to move their transmitter site to an acceptable location.

5 – Grant LPFM stations primary status over FM translators: **YES.** The recent translator filing window greatly reduced the available spectrum available to true community radio. Since a few groups have circumvented the Commissions rules regarding applying for facilities that it never intended to construct, The Commission should dismiss all the pending applications filed during the recent translator window. The Commission should grant LPFM facilities primary status over FM translators.

Personal comment:

Colquitt Community Radio, Inc. applauds the recent F.C.C. decision to freeze further processing of translator applications. CCR urges the Commission to use the available manpower that was being used to process translator applications to eliminate the backlog of NCE applications. The Commission has had a freeze in place on new NCE facilities over 5 years. This is ridiculous. We understand that court challenges have delayed action, however, the courts dismissed those challenges several months ago. It is time the Commission lift the freeze on new NCE stations. The 5 year freeze actually denies access to public airwaves and should be lifted at once.

Respectfully submitted:

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